

Telltale

**Fall / Winter
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Austin Yacht Club



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Commodores Comments

Except for a few watermarks and some red ink on the budget there is little evidence of the July flood. What was a catastrophe for many was a little more than an inconvenience to our club. Mostly due to the efforts of many who joined in moving boats and clubhouse equipment out of harm's way. My special thanks go to Brad Schwab who took the lessons learned in 1991 and applied them in the comprehensive plan of action which guided our volunteer efforts. Thanks also go to Steve Gay for providing temporary office space at Commander's Point. And, of course, to all the volunteers that towed, drug, disassembled, hauled, stacked and stored anything of value.

Life went on with a new schedule. The Governor's Cup weekends moved to August were windy and had reasonable attendance. Racers in the last week of the June camp practiced in Houston and the Summer Evening Series was shortened.

Activities, rather than calamities, are back in the news. Congratulations to Tim McKenna for a very successful Roadrunner Regatta. Nearly 90 boats turned out for the event. The Junior Team consisting of Patrick Reynolds, John Bowden and Lauren Foster traveled to Wyzata, MN for the Sears Cup. They did have their moments of glory such as one win and getting the "shipshape" award, but the light air competition was strong, resulting in a 10th (of 11) place finish.

It is also time to plan ahead. The annual banquet will be held December 6th at the World of Tennis resort ballroom. Make plans now—this site has plenty of room, parking and amenities.

Good Sailing,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lauren Foster".

From the AYC HISTORIAN:

THE AUSTIN YACHT CLUB BURGEE

By Pat Kimbrough

Chapparals, also known as or referred to as Road Runners were abundant in the Lake Travis area in the early 1950's. Driving to the lake, you probably would see at least one of these birds.

At one of the Austin Sailing Club meetings, Jess Akin, a local artist suggested that the Chaparral might be an appropriate choice on the AYC burgee. Architect, Tom Sheffleman said he would work on a color sketch with Jess and present it at the next meeting.

The burgee as we now know it was unanimously approved by the Austin Sailing Club members. Unfortunately, we rarely see these birds now.



NEWS FROM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The excitement of 1997 has been the rain and high water. Generally, more water is really better. The water came up and went down stream again. (Two fifty year floods in six years??) We were very fortunate that it stopped two feet below the floor of the office, and that the waters did not remain high for long.

We are realizing the benefits of planning, and the lessons learned from the last flood, and of the elegant and functional simplicity of this club itself. The lake always comes up fast, we never know how much or how high. LCRA is getting better with their forecasts.

During the several work days, so very many of you came out to help that it is impossible to properly list each one. We can only thank you all very much. The very presence of this club is based on that kind of volunteer work. Well, it is possible to list just **ONE**, the *COMMODORE* did clean out the bath houses.

Prior to the high water, Building & Grounds held a clean up day, inviting the entire membership. On a cold and windy day, over 50 souls cleaned up and cleared all day. After each of these get together, I can always remember a few new people, — new friends.

Of the goals identified at the beginning of the year, several have been completed.

*The swimming pool lining was plastered and the pool light replaced.

*Lighting on the property has been repaired, on the point, parking lots, and dry sail area. We are now trying to get the light level adjusted down a bit.

* New furniture is on order for the balcony. Although the subject has been discussed for a long time, and we have a few doubter, the end of the dry sail WILL be paved. As you know, it rained for five months.

*Most of the picnic tables got painted.

*There are so many other smaller but just as important projects that have been completed, both by the staff and by smaller work parties.



THANK YOU,
John Saunders



FROM THE COMMODORE

A FLASH FROM THE PAST.....

This is an article that I came across written by the 1987 AYC Commodore (exactly 10 years ago). I thought it was quite humorous and entertaining.

What a lot of you members don't understand is that there are a lot of benefits to being on The Board of Directors. We have, as members of The Board, something that few if any of the rest of you have. That "something" is this swell little slot in the office where people put these really neat little messages. Like, I got one of these really neat ones just the other day from Wayne. It said my *Telltale* Article was due. Now see most of you members don't have the honor of stuff like that. AH! The privileges of being on The Board just slightly outweigh the pay.

Anyway, I read Wayne's note with some amusement and carefully explained to him that I didn't have a *Telltale* Article. Wayne carefully explained to me that I needed to get a *Telltale* Article. I said that I didn't have any idea where to get one. Was this something that I could buy at the local stores? Or did I send off for it somehow? He informed me that it was something I had to do, I could not buy it. Well, now I was really sunk! How the devil do you make something like that. I went and got a bunch of fiberglass and dacron and aluminum and got out in the middle of the T-Head on Dock 6 with all this stuff waiting for an inspiration to come over me so I could make this *Telltale* Article. I sat there for 48 hours thru several freeze-thaw cycles, staring off across the point waiting for something to hit me. I watched boats sail in and out of Pool Canyon and waited and waited, but nothing happened. Until Hap McCollum sailed too close to the T-Head. Then it hit me. That is the end of Hap's boom hit me as he sailed on by. That gave me no inspiration, but did give me one giant headache.

So there I sat with this throbbing head, a pile of fiberglass, 15 yards of dacron, and 64 feet of aluminum tubing but no idea of how to do a *Telltale* Article. Jeez, I sure wished I could have gotten one at the store. I would have been much warmer and my head probably wouldn't have hurt nearly as badly. But that was obviously wishful thinking. It was just something I had to do. About that time Fred Schroth came wandering by looking for a few more Laser sailors. The Wednesday Nite Laser Races are about to commence and "Taco Breath" keeps wandering around picking up wins from the shores of Pool Canyon to stick on Lasers and send them off toward the rescuer boat that sits in the middle of the lake on Wednesday evenings giving forth a series of strange honking sounds at some rhythmic pattern signaling all these wins to gather for purposes known only to them and apparently to Fred. Anyway, Fred asked if I was waiting for a Laser and Wednesday night. I said no, that I had to "do" a *Telltale* Article. He said "OK!" then asked what all the fiberglass and stuff was for. I explained it was for the *Telltale* Article, if I could just figure out what to do. I never saw him laugh so hard in all my life. I didn't see anything that funny and told him so. He explained that the *Telltale* Article was not an object to be made but rather something to be written. "You know," he said, "like you explain to the members what swell stuff you and The Board are doing and how you're spending all our money and making the club better and all that kinda stuff."

"Oh!" I said sheepishly. "Gee, I wish Wayne had explained that to me before I spent all this money on this fiberglass and dacron and aluminum." Fred said that since I didn't need that stuff anymore could he have it so maybe he could fix a boat up at the work area, and being relieved that I didn't have to make anything with it, I told him, "Sure, have at it." He wandered off to the work area with his hands full of resin, gladd, hardener, aluminum poles and bolts of cloth, chattering merrily as Fred is apt to do, leaving me on the end of Dock 6 to explain to all you members what wonderful stuff, we your Board of Directors, have been doing over the last couple of months. Well, gee, I'd love to but you see, I've used too much paper already and there's no room left on this page, so I guess I'll just have to do it next month.

Now, ain't you jealous that you don't have one of these swell mail slots so you could have all this fun too?

See ya in the water.

TRENTON WANN

WOMEN'S LEARN TO SAIL & INTERNATIONAL COOKING CLINIC

by Gail Bernstein

I think as soon as Mary Lynn Painton heard the dates of my home leave she had me signed up to help with the Women's Learn to Sail Clinic. It was definitely fun to be back at the club and helping out with the Women's Sailing Program. My assignment was to help Mary Lynn with the onshore activities, which meant paperwork and dinners. Since I love to cook and have been taking various Indian, Malay, and Thai cooking lessons, I decided we should have some international cuisine one evening. Settling on Indian, I prepared Tandoori Chicken accompanied by Indian Onion, Cucumber & Tomato Salad. Unfortunately, I had some trouble getting the charcoal fire going so dinner was served later than I originally planned. Those who were able endure the wait seemed to enjoy dinner and several even asked for the recipes.

Tandoori food is a northern Indian specialty. Its name comes from the clay tandoor oven in which the meats and bread are cooked. Most tandoor ovens are large clay pots built into a kitchen counter. Similar to a wood fired French brick oven, but turned on end so the opening is at the top instead of the side. Tandoori meats are marinated in a yogurt and spice mixture. With the fire built inside the tandoor oven, the meats are cooked on very long skewers which is placed in the oven diagonally from bottom to top. Tandoori meats can easily be simulated on a charcoal or gas grill. Nan bread is rolled out flat sort of like a pizza dough and then slapped on the inside side of the oven to bake. Unfortunately there is not a good way to simulate the nan outside a tandoor oven. You need the real thing!

Tandoori Meats (Chicken, lamb, prawns, etc.)

Prepare the meat (if chicken, remove the skin or if prawns, shell & clean, etc.). Marinate for a few to several hours depends on the type and cut of meat. Yogurt is an excellent meat tenderizer. You want the meats to absorb the flavors, but you don't want to turn them into mush. I used boneless chicken breasts and marinated them for about 3 hours. Grill the meat till done. While the meat is being grilled it can be basted with the marinade mixed with 2 to 3 tablespoons ghee (oil).

Tandoori Meats (Chicken, lamb, prawns, etc.) cont.

Tandoori Marinade: (Mix the following ingredients together.)

4 cloves garlic, peeled --\ blend together with 2 tablespoons water
2" fresh ginger, peeled --
1.5 to 3 teaspoons chili powder (I used 1.5 for the AYC dinner)
1.5 teaspoons garam masala (This is a combinations of several spices roasted together.)
2 teaspoons cumin powder
1 tablespoon vinegar or lemon juice
1.5 teaspoons salt
0.3 to 0.75 cup yogurt
reddish orange food coloring

Garam Masala:

A blend of spices used only in Indian cooking. Unlike commercially prepared curry powder, this does not contain powdered turmeric or chili powder. There are many versions of garam masala. In Penang I buy it already made from the Indian vendor at the wet market. This is one version that is very fragrant, but not real hot.

4 tablespoons coriander seeds
2 tablespoons cumin seeds
1/2 tablespoon black peppercorns
2 teaspoons cardamom seeds (measure after removing pods)
4 x 3" cinnamon sticks
1 teaspoon whole cloves

Roast separately the coriander seeds, cumin seeds, black peppercorns, and cardamom pods in an unoiled pan over low heat or put in microwave for 3 minutes on high. As each starts to smell, put it on a plate to cool. after roasting, peel the cardamoms, and use only the seeds. Put all ingredients into an electric blender and blend into a fine powder. May store in an airtight glass jar. it will keep its flavor and fragrance for a few months.

Indian Onion, Cucumber & Tomato Salad (Mix together in salad bowl.)

Cucumbers (peeled & sliced)
Onions (peeled and sliced)
Tomatoes (sliced)
Mint leaves (chopped fine)
Salt (season to taste)
Cumin powder (season to taste)
Turmeric powder (season to taste) Fresh lime juice

AYC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Senior Membership Status:

Jim Rowan and Tricia Argust
Kristen Bielefeldt and Brent Smith
Stephen Piche and Catherine Echols
Michael and Lucia Stan
Laura David and Raymond Yin

Associate Membership Status:

Gonzalo Gonzales
Bruce Uphaus

New Membership Status:

Robert Perry

Resignations:

Scott Myers
Larry and Brook Parks
Eric Odom
Ronald and Ruth Panton
George Yonge
Henry Barton



U.S. Sailing Ladder Event Results

by Lanelle Montgomery

We should be very proud of this year's AYC representatives to the various Ladder Events! The Club sent individuals/teams to the TSA/Area F eliminations in the O'Day, Prince of Wales, Bemis and Sears Championship Regattas. AYC members won the right in two of these events to move to the Finals.

First of all, Fred Schroth and Nelson Reynolds participated in the O'Day Cup TSA/Area F eliminations in Corpus Christi. The brisk winds were a challenge, but Fred was in his element and was victorious for the fifth year in a row. He traveled to Finals in Seattle by way of California where he tuned up at the Laser Nationals. He arrived in Seattle early enough to get some tutoring in the local conditions, particularly the tide situation which proved very helpful to him. However, the high winds that got him to the finals didn't prevail during their week of racing. He had a few good races, at times being 3-4 points out of first, and overall felt pretty good about his performance.

Jim Baker along with his crew, Dave Wahlberg and Larry Ratliff, traveled to Rushcreek Yacht Club to represent the Club at the Prince of Wales TSA/Area F event. Unfortunately, participation in the event was meager. Only one other boat appeared, making this a short regatta. Jim and crew didn't make it to finals, but, hey, they came in second.

Two AYC skippers from the Austin Yacht Club entered the Bemis event. Stephen Gay along with crew, Phillip Stearns, and Ryan Harden with his crew, Stephen Johnson, participated in the TSA/Area F event. The Dallas boat won four of the five races, winning the right to travel to Minnesota. However, our teams represented us proudly. Ryan ended in second place and Stephen in fifth.

The Sear's Cup Team composed of Patrick Reynolds as skipper and Lauren Foster and John Bowden as crew was victorious over the other four

teams at the TSA/Area F venue and traveled to Minnesota for finals. They won a couple of races during the week and had a great time. The experience will live with them forever. They are already talking about next year!

Club Team Championship

Club Team Championships will be held on September 27-28 using South Coast 21's. Each AYC-recognized fleet may enter one team in the competition by completing a registration form, available at the AYC office, specifying the name of each member of its team and documenting each member's experience sailing on this or similar sailboats. To be eligible to race, each team must: (1) submit the completed registration form to AYC office on or before 5:00 p.m., Saturday, September 20, 1997, and (2) have one member of the team present for boat inventory on Friday evening, September 26. Except in extraordinary situations **and** when there are no objections by other competitors, no team substitutions will be allowed. There will be a \$10/boat registration fee and a damage deposit of \$50. Call Lanelle Montgomery, 266-1293, if you have further questions.

Junior and Senior Singlehanded Championships

Singlehanded Championships, originally scheduled for August, have been moved to Saturday, and if necessary Sunday, September 20-21, 1997 (skipper's meeting Saturday, 9:00 a.m.). Men's Singlehanded will be held in Laser Full Rigs, Women's Singlehanded in Sunfish and Junior Singlehanded in Laser Radials. All races are bring your own boat. You must register by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 18 to participate. There will be a \$10 registration fee. Saturday's continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee. Contact Lanelle Montgomery, 266-1293, for further information.

Regattas in August

by Lanelle Montgomery

Who would have ever dreamed we would have so much wind in August! Each of the three regattas this month had more wind than some would have liked. It was certainly not a "problem" we had expected.

No one could guess what the level of participation might be for this year's Governor's Cup Regattas held outside of the now normal time frame. As might be expected, fewer boats entered than expected. However, those who missed these regattas lost out on some outstanding racing. The wind and weather couldn't have been better.

The Keel Boat weekend was held first and was very ably chaired by Mary Sikora. Besides the great racing, she treated everyone to some outstanding food and drink, most of it prepared by her personally. What wasn't prepared by her was prepared by Marti Shirey and family, Pat Manning and John Mitchell. Sue Farmer, Janet Soefje, Karen and Terry Reitz, Mike and Gail Mayfield, Scott Smith, Bonny Coleman and Michael Stan manned the Registration Table and Joanne Welles was scorer. Dane Ohe was the Principal Race Officer and was assisted by Claude, Debbie and Joanne Welles, Larry Hill, Doug Laws, Pat and Vic Manning, Renee Ruais, and Terry McDermott. Thanks to all of you for your expertise and help! Race results were as follows:

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| J-24: (6 boats) | 1st | Kirk Livingston |
| | 2nd | Ryan Harden |
| | 3rd | Dave Wahlberg |
| | 4th | Phil Spletter |
| | 5th | Leon Lance |
| | 6th | Frank Djenna |
| Catalina 22: (8 boats) | 1st | Pete Harper |
| | 4th | Ted Owens |
| | 5th | Dianne Bartlett |
| | 6th | Paul Jensen |
| | 7th | Louie Soefje |
| | 8th | Joe Roddy |



CONTINUED...REGATTA RESULTS

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| Southcoast 21: | 1st | Ray Shull |
| (9 boats) | 2nd | Jim Rehage |
| | 3rd | Pat Feagin |
| | 4th | Scott Walsh |
| | 5th | Kevin Reynolds |
| | 6th | Bob Freeman |
| | 7th | Polly Mayfield |
| | 8th | D. Speed |
| | 9th | Robert Vassallo |
| PHRF A Fleet: | 1st | Jeff Jones |
| (9 boats) | 3rd | Imre Szekelydidi |
| | 4th | Tom Taylor |
| | 6th | Bryan Bayerdorffer |
| | 7th | Steve Vaughn |
| | 8th | G. Cobb |
| | 9th | Mark Palermo |
| PHRF B Fleet: | 1st | Tom Lott |
| (8 boats) | 2nd | Michael Chambers |
| | 3rd | John Bowden |
| | 4th | Claudia Foster |
| | 5th | Smith & May |
| | 6th | Stephen Piche |
| | 7th | Robert Wilson |
| PHRF C Fleet: | 1st | Thomas Groll |
| (5 boats) | 2nd | John Allison |
| | 3rd | Jim Shelton |
| | 4th | John Lawler |
| PHRF D Fleet: | 1st | Pat Kimbrough |
| (5 boats) | 4th | Steve Gay |
| | 5th | Bill Perry |
| PHRF E Fleet: | 1st | Steve Shepardson |
| (8 boats) | 3rd | G. Ayson |
| | 4th | Steve Hennigh |
| | 5th | Bill Wheat |
| | 6th | Tim McKenna |
| | 7th | Ken Miller |
| | 8th | M. Meloy |



14th Phillip Stearns
15th Alex Voellinger

Sunfish:
(27 boats)

2nd Bill Gerloff
3rd Tommy Gairloff
4th Gary Cooper
5th Nick McKenna
7th John Bartlett
8th Vicki Palmer
9th Pat Manning
10th Dane Ohe
11th Tim McKenna
12th Larry Hill
13th Bill Wheat
17th Joanne Weberlein
18th Tom Boren
20th Ann Gairloff
21st Rose Ann Desouza
23nd Leon Voellinger
24th Vickie Stones
25th Doug Laws



The third weekend of racing in August was the **Roadrunner Junior Regatta**. A record number of **86 boats** registered for this regatta! That made it half again as large as either of the Governor's Cup Regattas and that number doesn't include all the parents and coaches who accompanied these racers. There was plenty of wind for all on Saturday, a little too much for some, but Sunday was not as cooperative. However, most of the racers seemed to feel they had gotten their money's worth and were satisfied with the four races on Saturday. Tim McKenna and Julie Conrad Chaired this regatta and everything went like clockwork. As usual, all of the parents of the junior sailors pitched in to help to make this a very successful regatta. Donny Jones volunteered to cook the meat and by all accounts it was "some of the best barbecued sirloin tip that ever passed your lips." Assisting him were Joanne and Claude Welles and Jim and Lynn Shelton. Thanks to everyone who gave so freely of their time to make this the kind of regatta which keeps people coming back. The final results for AYC participants were as follows:

CONTINUED...REGATTA RESULTS

Centerboard weekend saw even more wind and scared off a few would-be racers. Those who toughed it out could boast an exciting ride to go along with their aching muscles and unsightly bruises. Phil and Brenda Spletter did an outstanding job as Chairs for this Regatta. The tired and hungry racers came in on Saturday evening to a barbecue dinner and entertainment by Mark Bearden on the guitar. Other volunteers included Sue and Bob Farmer, Terry and Karen Reitz, Carol and Dennis Mills, and Norma Lien on Registration; and Robbie Nelson on food. Bill Levins was Principal Race Officer and was assisted by Voldi Maki, Mary Sikoro, David Rahberg, Pat Kimbrough, Pauli Mayfield, Ray Schull, Imre Szekelyhidi, Tom Cunningham, Bonner Cordell, Chris Bartlett, Bill Mitchell, Bill Mitchell, Jr., Debra Phillips, Terry McDermott and Julie Conrad. In addition, John Saunders and Jan Thompson collected and sold items for the annual swap table. Again, a hearty thank you to everyone who helped. Race results for this weekend were as follows:

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| Port Class A: (6 boats) | 2nd | Stephen Starr |
| | 3rd | Stephen Gay |
| | 6th | Jim Rowan |
| Port Class B: (7 boats) | 1st | Sam Field |
| | 2nd | Martha St. Romain |
| | 4th | Gerald Rabun |
| 505 (6 boats): | 5th | Dennis Finuf |
| | 2nd | Ian Fink |
| | 4th | Jenn Donnes-Twillia |
| Laser (16 boats): | 5th | Renee Ruais |
| | 1st | Jeff Kannard |
| | 2nd | Jonathan Baker |
| | 4th | John McBride |
| | 5th | Deke Dekeyser |
| | 6th | Kevin Reynolds |
| | 7th | Bruce McDonald |
| | 9th | Nelson Reynolds |
| | 10th | Claude Welles |
| | 11th | Will Shull |
| 12th | Doug Kern | |
| 13th | Barry Bowden | |



Optimist Green: 3rd - John Foster
 (12 boats) 4th - Jacob Wheat
 11th - James Lilly

Optimist Blue: 12th - Alice Stearns
 (18 boats) 16th - Sam Livingston

Optimist Red: 3rd - Danielle Ellenbrook
 (8 boats) 5th - Jacob Lien
 7th - Chris Reynolds

Laser Radials: 2nd - Stephen Gay
 (28 boats) 3rd - Patrick Reynolds
 7th - Ryan Harden
 11th - John Bowden
 26th - Chris Bartlett

Laser Full Rig: 3rd - Phillip Stearns
 (12 boats) 6th - Lauren Foster
 11th - Nick McKenna
 12th - Alex Voellinger



FALL REGATTA

October 11-12, 1997

Last Chance for a Quick Trophy This Year

Come Enjoy the Change in Seasons !

- * Open to Centerboard, Multihull and Keel Boats
- * Three Race Format:
 - Race 1: AYC to Lakeway Sat. 10AM
 - Race 2: Lakeway to AYC Sat. ~ 2PM
 - Race 3: Round the Buoys Sun. 10AM
- * Dinner at AYC at 6:30 PM Sat. \$ 8.00 each
(Cuisine to be announced)
- * T-Shirts Available by Pre-Order
- * Box Lunches available Sat. & Sun. by Pre-Order
- * **Pre-Register by 10/4/97 to avoid Late Fee**
- * Call Terry Hight @ (512) 346-8527 with questions

JUNIOR SAILING NEWS.....

by Lanelle Montgomery

AYC Racers Going Strong on TSA Junior Circuit

The AYC Racing Team is growing steadily and as it grows, it is adding to the outstanding racing reputation of our Club. We are very pleased to see two new members traveling to out of town regattas, Julie Bauer and Alice Stearns. Both are doing very well and we hope they continue!

Many of the juniors who weren't already sailing Laser Radials have moved into them. The Club has one Laser with a broken mast step and both a full and radial rig (though it seems that the upper section has recently disappeared). This boat was purchased for use in training junior and senior sailors. If anyone has a Laser or parts which they would like to donate to the sail training program, it would be put to good use.

Recently, Doug Kern generously donated a two-boat trailer to the Junior Fleet with the stipulation that they put it in safe, working order. John Bowden, Ryan Harden and Patrick Reynolds spent several days cleaning and repairing it to near perfect condition. It has already been put into service. Plans are still underway for having an even larger multi-boat trailer built for use in traveling to out of town races.

There have been many races since the last Telltale with conditions varying from very light at Chandler's Landing to extremely heavy in Corpus Christi. The following are the results of regattas held since the last publication:

Chandler's Landing Yacht Club:

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| Laser Radials: | 5th - Patrick Reynolds |
| (13 boats) | 7th - John Bowden |
| | 9th - Phillip Stearns |
| | 10th - Lauren Foster |
| | 12th - Stephen Gay |
| | 12th - Chris Bartlett |

Optimist Red 1st - Danielle Ellenbrook
(2 boats) 2nd - Chris Reynolds
Optimist Green 2nd - John Foster

Rush Creek Yacht Club:

Laser Radials 1st - Ryan Harden
(17 boats) 3rd - Patrick Reynolds
5th - John Bowden
11th - Lauren Foster
15th - Stephen Gay
16th - Phillip Stearns
17th - Chris Bartlett
Optimist Red 1st - Danielle Ellenbrook
(3 boats) 2nd - Chris Reynolds
Optimist Green 2nd - John Foster

Corpus Christi Yacht Club:

Laser Radials 1st - Phillip Stearns
(20 boats) 2nd - Patrick Reynolds
3rd - John Bowden
6th - Stephen Gay
14th - Chris Bartlett
Optimist Red 1st - Ryan Harden
(7 boats) 5th - Danielle Ellenbrook
6th - Chris Reynolds

Race Week - Houston Yacht Club:

Lasers (11 boats) 11th - Alex Voellinger
Laser Radials 3rd - Patrick Reynolds
(35 boats) 4th - John Bowden
9th - Stephen Gay
12th - Phillip Stearns
23rd - Lauren Foster
26th - Chris Bartlett
34th - Julie Bauer
Optimist Red 3rd - Jacob Lien
(10 boats) 6th - Danielle Ellenbrook
Optimist Blue 11th - Earl Gerloff
(17 boats)

Optimist Green 1st - Alice Stearns
(10 boats)

Race Week - Lakewood Yacht Club:

Lasers (12 boats) 12th - Alex Voellinger

Laser Radials (37 boats) 4th - Phillip Stearns
9th - Patrick Reynolds
18th - John Bowden
19th - Lauren Foster
23rd - Stephen Gay
29th - July Bauer
31st - Chris Bartlett

Optimist Red (10 boats) 3rd - Ryan Harden
4th - Jacob Lien
6th - Danielle Ellenbrook

Optimist Blue (17) 9th - Earl Gerloff

Opti Green (11) 2nd - Alice Stearns

Race Week - TCYC:

Lasers (13 boats) 13 - Alex Voellinger

Laser Radials (37 boats) 7th - Patrick Reynolds
9th - John Bowden
17th - Phillip Stearns
20th - Lauren Foster
22nd - Stephen Gay
28th - Chris Bartlett
29th - July Bauer

Optimist Red (11 boats) 2nd - Ryan Harden
5th - Danielle Ellenbrook
6th - Jacob Lien
10th - Chris Reynolds

Optimist Blue (17) 15th - Earl Gerloff

Opti Green (12) 2nd - Alice Stearns

Fort Worth Boat Club:

Optimist Blue (4) 2nd - Earl Gerloff

Austin Roadrunner Regatta: (Listed elsewhere)

CONT. JUNIOR SAILING NEWS...

There have been a couple of changes to the locations of the regatta stops for the remainder of the year. The Palacios Regatta will now be hosted by TCYC on September 6-7 and the West Marine Regatta will now be hosted by Houston Yacht Club on November 8-9, 1997.

Other dates to put on your calendar include **September 20 (Junior Sailing Clinic)**, **September 21 (AYC Singlehanded Championships)**, **September 27 (AYC Club Team Championships and Ft. Worth 420 Regatta)**, **October 25 (AYC Jr. Team Championship)**, and November 15 (TSA InterClub Double-Handed Championship).



AYC Juniors win Area F Sears Cup



**CONGRATULATIONS
JUNIORS!!!**

The junior sailing team of the Austin Yacht Club took a first place regatta finish in the Area F annual Sears Cup, on July 27, in Houston, to qualify as one of ten teams to compete nationally in the 1997 Sears Cup finals, the official Junior Sailing Team championship of the United States Sailing Association. Team members include Lauren Foster, 15, of Westwood High School, Patrick Reynolds, skipper, 16, of Lake Travis High School, and John Bowden, 17, of Lake Travis High School. "It is very gratifying to see the junior programs established in the past few years in Austin produce such an outstanding group of sailors," said Bruce Foster, Commodore of the Austin Yacht Club. The AYC team won a closely contested five race event against sailors representing clubs from Shreveport, Dallas, and Houston. The Area F first place marks the first time in 20 years that an AYC team has advanced to the finals in the Sears Cup competition. For more information on AYC junior sailing programs, contact Lanelle Montgomery, AYC Vice-Commodore or the AYC office at 266-1336.



GO TEAM!!



1998
UNITED STATES
YACHT CLUB CHALLENGE CUP

APRIL 1 - 4, 1998

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Notify Lanelle Montgomery at
266-1293 by 10/25 if interested

DEED of Gift

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1. Purpose and spirit of the event

1.1 The purpose of this event is two-fold:

a) To recognize those United States yacht clubs whose members' achievements have been most noteworthy in the areas of racing, race management, support of junior sailing, and yachting administration during the period of time set forth in the Notice of Regatta; and

b) To serve as the final test of a yacht club's claim that it is one of the best yacht clubs in the United States.

1.2 The regatta is intended to be a Corinthian challenge event among yacht clubs - not between individual skippers or yachts. It is further intended to demonstrate the depth of a club's sailing excellency by its ability to field a team of skipper and crew from its membership superior to those of other clubs selected to sail in the regatta.

2. Selected criteria

2.1 The criteria used to select the invited clubs should be those qualifications, which are generally deemed in the yachting community to signify the better yacht club. Among such qualifications are the following:

a) The participation and achievements by a club's members in major regional, national and international sailing events, both one-design (class) events and ocean racing type events. Particular attention should be given in the selection process to the breadth of participation by a club's membership (as opposed to a single outstanding sailor or two) as well as the variety of racing activity engaged in (class racing, distance racing, match racing, etc.)

b) The sponsorship and hosting by the club of major regional, national and international regattas.

c) Service and leadership by the club's members in the various major yachting organizations.

d) The extent and quality of the club's junior sailing activities and, in general, its contributions to youth sailing.

e) Membership in US SAILING.

f) The availability of facilities which provide members as well as guests with a physical environment for the sailing and social activities normally associated with the highest level of yachting.

2.2 A specific period of time will be stipulated in the Notice of regatta as the period of time over which each yacht club's accomplishments will be evaluated for that particular year's event.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Any US SAILING member yacht club is eligible to be considered for this regatta. Team members of selected clubs must be individual members of US SAILING and a member of their club as of April 1, 1997. Team members sailing CFJs and Lasers may not reach their 18th birthday prior to September 1, 1998. No individual who has skippered a winning boat in the Olympics, America's Cup, Congressional Cup, or in a world championship in an Olympic class may steer a boat in this event, although he/she may serve in any other capacity on the boat.

SELECTION

Clubs interested in being considered for this regatta should complete the enclosed Qualification Form and submit it by October 1, 1997 to:

SELECTION COMMITTEE
U.S. Yacht Club Challenge Cup
720 West Bay Avenue
Balboa, CA 92661

Clubs will be notified of their selection by December 1, 1997.

MAKE UP OF TEAMS

Club teams will be made up of 10 individuals - three people under the age of 18 to sail CFJs and Lasers and seven with no age restriction to sail Catalina 37s.

REGATTA PROGRAM

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| April 1 (Wednesday) | 1300-1700 | Registration |
| | 1300-1700 | Boats available for practice |
| April 2 (Thursday) | 0800-1000 | Registration & drawing for boats |
| | 1000 | Ceremonies |
| | 1030 | Competitor's Meeting |
| | 1300 | Practice Race |
| | 1400 | Race 1 |
| | 1700 | Crew dock party |
| | 1900 | Commodore's Reception |
| April 3 (Friday) | 1200 | Races 2, 3 & 4 |
| | 1700 | Refreshments |
| | 1800 | Barbecue dinner and entertainment |
| April 4 (Saturday) | 1200 | Races 5 & 6 |
| | 1700 | Refreshments |
| | 1830 | Awards dinner |

"...THE ALL STAR GAME OF YACHT CLUBS!"

THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee for the U.S. Yacht Club Challenge Cup has been formed to ensure a fair and even review of all interested yacht clubs.

The committee reflects widespread geographic representation and a strong, diverse background in yachting.

BRUCE STUART, CHAIRMAN
NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA

JOHN BONDS
MOUNT PLEASANT, SOUTH CAROLINA

THOMAS FARQUHAR
MARION, MASSACHUSETTS

J.J. ISLER
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

CHARLES KOBER
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

WINNER'S CIRCLE

1984 - EASTERN YC

1986 - NEWPORT HARBOR YC

1988 - MANHASSET BAY YC

1990 - ST. PETERSBURG YC

1992 - NEWPORT HARBOR YC

1994 - CALIFORNIA YC

1996 - SAN DIEGO YC

THE INVITATION

The Newport Harbor Yacht Club is honored to host the United States Yacht Club Challenge. The 1998 sailing of this prestigious event is slated for April 1-4 in the waters off Newport Beach, California. The Newport Harbor Yacht Club cordially invites all US SAILING member yacht clubs to submit their qualifications for the 1998 event. An independent selection committee of nationally recognized sailors will review all submissions. Clubs are invited based on the selection criteria in the Deed of Gift, and the club's significant achievements during the last three years. The 10 honored participants will be announced in December of this year.

For the eighth time this unprecedented yachting event will bring together 10 of the finest yacht clubs in the country to vie for the title "Best in the U.S." We are pleased to have First American Trust Company return as official sponsor for this prestigious event.

For those of you not familiar with the event, let us provide a little background:

The first U.S. Yacht Club Challenge Cup Regatta was held at the Newport Harbor Yacht Club in 1984. Conceived as a biennial event, our goal was to bring together the best "amateur" yacht racers in the country. The U.S. Yacht Club Challenge Cup would be a true test of a club's sailing excellence based on its ability to field a team that would prove superior to those of the other fine clubs selected to sail in the regatta.

Eastern Yacht Club won the inaugural event and since then the event has attracted some of the top yachting organizations in America and their best sailors. To better reflect the breadth of a club's Corinthian sailing talent two junior divisions were added in 1990. The team with the lowest combined score of their keelboat, CFJ and Laser team is declared the overall winner.

We now invite you to vie for a position as one of the top yacht clubs in the United States. Participants will enjoy challenging sailing during the day and evenings filled with exciting social events.

The Newport Harbor Yacht Club would be most honored if your club would complete the enclosed entry qualifications for consideration as a participant in the 1998 U.S. Yacht Club Challenge Cup.

FLEET TALK

MORE SCOTLAND NEWS:

Bobby Crouch

5 July 97

My second sailing experience in the UK was much better than the first. I was called to crew on an International One Design for a 'round the cans' race. The weather for this day was beautiful; mid 50s to low 60s and sunshine, perfect t-shirt weather. (I have become accustomed to living close to the arctic circle.)

We sailed out of Rue, a marina just north of Helensburgh on the north bank of the Clyde. It took about an hour to get there from south Glasgow, where I live. The boats are all on moorings and the marina provides a 'tender' to deposit and collect you from the boats.

IODs are beautiful boats with great lines and a good sailplan. They were mostly built in Norway, with the 'newest' boats built in the early 1960s. They have a full keel and really track well. The boat I raced on was built in 1947; they're all wooden boats.

I was told that the Scotland fleet is one of the largest in the world with 12 active boats. The other active fleets are in Marblehead (US) and San Francisco Bay. It's great to race one design again.

We had a triangle, windward-leeward, triangle course that took about 3 hours in 10-15 kt winds. Racing was close among the top three boats; we took third and were within 5 seconds of the second place boat.

The owner of the boat I sailed on was also the skipper, he'd been racing IODs for about 10 years and usually goes to the World Championship in Bermuda, warm water is a very strong incentive to sailors up here.

After the race I was invited to the Royal Great Northern Yacht Club for drinks. The 'club house' rates up there with the St. Francis as far as facilities and view are concerned. There were lots of pictures of boats racing in the 20s and 30s as well as pictures of the Queen on the club grounds.

I hope to do more sailing on IODs, they are great boats and a blast to sail. The drinks afterwards at the 'club' were a very nice treat I'd wouldn't mind repeating either.

10 July

Yesterday, July 9th, was the hottest day of the year! Everybody in southern Scotland was miserably oppressed by the vicious heat. I suggested we move the Motorola plant further north to the Shetland Islands so we wouldn't have to suffer this kind of heat again. Thankfully today is cloudy and cooler, I might not be able to live through 24C again (75.2F). I don't see how people can stand to live in southern England, it got up to 27C there! I'm already looking forward to the shorter, cooler days of Fall.

Cheers ya'll,
BB.

Date: 8/22/97 2:39 AM
From: Bobby Crouch-R23001
End of IOD World's Qualifying Series and Grundig Regatta
Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club 16 Aug 97

We finished the series and Grundig Regatta this past Saturday. The racing was extremely close. IODs pretty much all move at exactly the same speed if sailed properly. Our last race this past weekend started with us having a two boat length lead over our primary competitor at the first mark; two hours later we won the race and still had that same two boat length lead! Talk about two hours of non-stop stress.

So the skipper won the series and qualified to go to IOD worlds next year in Bermuda, April. If he has an opening he'll call me, I wouldn't mind a gig in Bermuda although I'll be taking two classes at St Edward's and may not be able to spare the time. Naturally the after race festivities at the club house were very nice. It's odd at first to be at a club house where most of the members are wearing jackets and ties (club ties of course). This club house is really something. It's right on the shore of a Loch (lake to you Americans) that feeds into the Clyde river. The building looks like a castle and the bar area has carpet with the club emblem all over it. The bar staff wear ties and are very polite. It is acceptable to come as you are, so long as you

just finished a race. However, I gathered that if you did have the opportunity 'proper' dress was preferred. Still the cocktails were always good and I have rarely been able to actually buy my own drinks, not from lack of trying either!

This may be the hottest summer in history for Scotland. This winter I, jokingly, predicted that the temperature would get up to 27C this summer and everyone laughed. So far we've had four days of 27C temperature! Many days in the mid-twenty range. You people in Texas just can't understand this kind of heat! People lay dying in the streets everywhere. Houses and cars don't have air conditioning here so you can't sleep at night because of the heat. It's been several weeks without any real rain. I can't wait for the nice cool days of fall to return. As bad as the temperature is here in Scotland, England is much worse. The London area gets up in the 30s on a regular basis, I don't see how people can stand to live there.

There are still some sailing gigs in September and hopefully in early October as well. I'm having a friend bring me a new set of foulies from the West Marine store in Austin. I'll need them for the return of cool weather and nice sailing (10-17C and rain).

Hope ya'll enjoy Roughriders and Fall Regatta. My time here is quickly coming to an end and there is still so much to do (work wise). I will be ready to return in December; a year without Mexican food is the pretty bad. Today is Friday and the cafeteria serves fish-n-chips which is not bad at all, but does not compare to some Bar-b-q chicken enchiladas at El Arroyo.

Cheers,
BB.

FLEET 21

Austin Yacht Club

by Dave Broadway



Congratulations to Nelson and Connie Reynolds and crew aboard Evil, Wicked, Mean, and Nasty. After winning the Mid Spring Series, they followed up with the top spot in the Summer Evening Series to earn the 1997 J/24 Fleet 21 Champion title. They are clearly the team to beat.

Eric Nelson/Bob Harden (Mr. Happy) and Bill Worsham, John Mandell, and Chris Kearby (Shadowfax) recently teamed up to sail the J/24 North American Championships in San Francisco. This was a tune up for next summer's 1998 J/24 World Championships on San Francisco Bay.

Several AYC J/24s competed at the US Nationals at the Corpus Christi YC in July. Most of the entries were Texas J/24 Circuit Regatta competitors including from AYC: Nelson/Hardin (Mr. Happy), Wellman/Worsham (Shadowfax), Nelson and Connie Reynolds (Evil, Wicked), and Greg and Angie Buck (Turn & Burn). Several sailmakers also attended, Chris Snow from San Diego and Will Crump from Virginia. Crump contended for the top spot, but was bested by the 1996-97 Texas Circuit Champions, Nelson/Hardin.

The 1996-97 J/24 Texas Circuit awards were given at this event. In addition to the Circuit champs, AYC was also represented in the overall standings by Kirk Livingston 2nd (World Qualifier), Michael Wellman/Bill Worsham 3rd, Dave Broadway 6th, Greg Buck 12th, and Nelson Reynolds 14th.

The fleet recently had its annual Margarita Cruise at Berry's Cove. The fleet had good breeze sailing to and from the raft up event. More social events are planned for the Fall.

The current AYC Saturday evening Fall Series will provide an opportunity for some fun and preparation for the 1997-98 Texas Circuit, which begins with the Beasley Cup at the Houston YC, September 27-28. As usual, the fleet will have beer and sodas after the local races. Come on out and join the fun.

ENSIGN FLEET 30 NEWS

by Lou Kimball, Fleet 30 Secretary/Treasurer

Ensign Fleet 30 hosted the Ensign Regionals for Region IV May 14 - 16 on Lake Travis. The Arthur P. Nazro trophy was wrested from the iron grip of Dean Snider of Houston by AYC's own Jim Baker, sailing #324, **J.C. Gull**. This is the first time in 20 years that Fleet 30 has won this event, and just to show it was no mistake, second place was won by AYC member Jim Shelton in #440, **Rising Storm**. Jim is Fleet Captain this year and managed his 2nd place finish while, together with his wife and crew Lynn, organizing and running the whole event.

Twelve boats participated in the five race no throw out series, run to perfection in spite of extremely unpredictable shifty winds by race committee chairman John Mandell and his crew. We had five out-of-town boats: 3 from Colorado and two from Houston, including two-time national champion Dean Snider, who with Kirby Boston, trailered their Ensigns from Houston. Special thanks goes to Dan O'Donnell, Tom George and Ken Carr, who loaned their boats to the Colorado sailors. All the visitors were impressed with AYC, its facilities and grounds. We received many compliments, particularly on the new cabins.

Thanks also to Cliff Price, who was kind enough to open his beautiful house (and fabulous bar-b-que pit & smoker) to everyone for our Thursday night party.

RESULTS:

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Boat</u> | <u>Skipper</u> | <u>Total Points</u> | <u>Club</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1 | 324 | Jim Baker | 19.75 | AYC |
| 2 | 440 | Jim Shelton | 21.75 | AYC |
| 3 | 609 | Kirby Boston | 22.0 | HYC |
| 4 | 1517 | Frank Keesling | 28.0 | Colorado |
| 4 | 578 | Tom Groll | 30.75 | AYC |
| 6 | 588 | George Dahmen | 32.0 | AYC |
| 7 | 1724 | Dean Snider | 34.75 | HYC |
| 8 | 810 | Lou Kimball | 41.75 | AYC |
| 9 | 1494 | Drew Butterwick | 42.0 | Colorado |
| 10 | 1642 | Skip Nitchie | 44.0 | Colorado |
| 11 | 1486 | Cynthia Creamer | 49.0 | AYC |
| 12 | 1474 | Bill Hawk | 53.0 | AYC |

J/22 FLEET 11 NEWS

by Debra Phillips

Everyone in Fleet 11 thanks Steve Brown for loading his cooler with gin, tonic, ice, and fresh limes for the Saturday Evening One Design Series. Six different J-22s participated in the series. There was a short shot of gin left for 1st place finisher, Max Rockoff. The 2nd place team, Patrick Reynolds, John Bowden, and Lauren Foster went on to capture TYA Area F and represent AYC in the Sears Cup.

Congratulations to the team Bill, Bill, and Kathryn Mitchell on their 1st place finish in the Summer Evening Series. There were some fine trophies for this series.

Congratulations to Claudia Foster on a 1st place finish in the Keel Boat weekend of Governor's Cup.

Quite a few J-22 sailors are out on Wednesday evenings: Dave Broadway, Kelley Clark, Bonner Cordelle, Eric Faust, Dave Hilfer, Jeff Kannard, Vicki Palmer, Debra Phillips, and Scott Young.

RC...

Thanks to the many people who volunteered to help with the original and rescheduled Governors Cup. Some finally had to serve.

Our volunteers were Bonner Cordelle, Dave Hilfer, Voldi Maki, Bill and Bill Mitchell, Vicki Palmer, Debra Phillips, and Shirley Slaughter. Congratulations to Bill Levens for a well run Centerboard Regatta.

Grounds...

Ask Voldi Maki about his fond remembrances of power washing the race committee closet. Thanks to everyone who helped sweep and bag debris, and power wash the patio.

Thanks to everyone who helped move boats to higher ground during the recent flooding.

Roadies...

June 11-14, the team Scott Young, Chris Klein, and Greg Plunkett were working their way to a 1st place finish in the 1997 J-22 North Americans on a borrowed boat (Flashdance). Congratulations! If you want to check the race results, surf to sailtexas.com/j22naf.html.

Three Austin boats participated in Canyon Lake Southwest District Circuit. Congratulations to team John Bartlett, Troy Lawson, and Eric Nelson on their 5th place finish.

Two Austin boats participated in the Corpus Christi Southwest District Circuit, also known as the J-22 Surf Contest. Congratulations to team Evert Broersma, Jeff Kannard, and John Halter on their second place finish. Team Dave Broadway (skipper -E Faust was busy at another regatta), Bonner Cordelle, and Greg Buck enjoyed the heavy air and swells.

The next J-22 stop is the "**Crap Shoot**" at Shreveport Yacht Club, September 27-28.

All the C-15 practicing paid off for teams Claudia Foster and John Bartlett, and Evert Broersma and Jeff Kannard, at the C-15 Nationals rescheduled at WhiteRock. They came home with 1st and 2nd place trophies (respectively). Congratulations!

Martha St. Romain and Troy Lawson couldn't stomach a light air weekend at WhiteRock, so they maneuvered to a third place finish on a borrowed Tornado, at the combined Alter Cup and Texas Catamaran Championship.



SAILING SUCKS

(OR WHEN AIR MOVES IS IT BEING BLOWN OR IS IT BEING SUCKED?)

By Tim McKenna

I once heard a meteorologist try to explain how wind does not blow, it is air that is being sucked into a low pressure air mass from a high pressure system. Sounds logical enough to me. This fellow must have been a direct descendant of the guy in ancient Greece that was hanging upside down from the limb of a tree, when he saw Atlas out in the middle of the adjacent field standing on his head. It was then that he realized, in fact, Atlas was holding up the entire world, all by himself.

It all started innocently enough for us back in 1994, in St. Thomas harbor looking out of the cabin window of our cruise ship at the many sailboats swinging gently on their moorings. We had just finished a hectic day in Charlotte Amelie shopping, snorkeling and generally acting like the hundreds of other tourists that were there for just one day. We were congratulating ourselves that it just doesn't get any better than this, a nice air-conditioned cabin in a tropical paradise, munching on Godiva chocolate (sent to our cabin by the cruise line) and looking at all these interesting boats in the harbor. But where did they all come from? The names on the back of those boats told us that they were from just about everywhere. So how did they get here? You mean they crossed all that water that we had covered in the two days it had taken us? Yes, they had crossed the Atlantic, the Pacific, that one over there even came from Australia. Cool!!!

Like I said, it was innocent enough. I didn't hear a sucking sound, not even a whisper or a buzz, but the so-called bug had bitten. Let the sucking begin. I remember saying out loud and under no duress, "You know I'd like to do that some day. Buy a sailboat and sail over here and we wouldn't be in such a hurry. It looks like fun."

This would probably be a good time to introduce you to Julie, our crew's C.O.E. (in charge of odds and ends). When I say "Where are my darn sunglasses?" she's the one who has the presence of mind and the organizational ability to immediately say "They're resting on the top of your head, stupid." Her strong organizational ability was balanced by my severe lack of any semblance of togetherness in this area, but what I lacked there, I more than made up in the ability to jump (with both feet) into things I knew next to nothing about. I might add, with courage (it has taken me a while to learn the basic value of fear) and perseverance.

My sailing experience would fit in a small teacup at the time. In the mid-sixties I had spent a couple of weekends with a junior high-school buddy, sailing on a Sunfish out of Houston Yacht Club, on Galveston Bay. We looked for squalls to sail into, (remember it took me awhile to learn fear or was that common sense?) so we could surf on the waves and tried to see just how far we could push the boat past it's righting ability. If I remember correctly, we never had too much trouble getting the top of the mast unstuck

from the mud and most places we turned over in, it was shallow enough to stand up. We had a ball. My next sailing experience was in 1992 with Julie in the Abacos, again on a Sunfish. The cruise ship had tendered us to a pristine beach for a snorkel and catered lunch and I decided to try to sail one of the Sunfish the locals rented on the beach. Poor Julie's face looking up from the cockpit, knuckles white against the metal rails as she threatened me with death and then torture if I turned the boat over in the lagoon "You know there are sharks out here and are you sure you know what the hell you are doing?" Yes, she had seen the movie "JAWS" like the rest of us. The wind was really light and the trip was short and rather uneventful. The cruise line must have removed all the sailing bugs from this cove for the protection of the passengers, something the cruise line in St. Thomas had neglected to do. Little did I know, my immunity would fail in a couple of short years.

We hadn't been back in Austin, Texas, our home, from St. Thomas, but a few days, when I went to the library and checked out an armful of books on what else but sailing. Yep, just sucked them right off the shelves. I took them home and got (I hate to say it again so soon) sucked in for days trying to somehow make sense out of a new and completely foreign language. Sheets I could understand, of course, didn't we sleep on them every night. Cabin, I got that too, but isn't that a little generous a term for what I could see from the pictures in my books. Closet sounded a little more appropriate. Well after several more trips to the library and just as many armloads of books, on sailing of course, (remember the reference to perseverance) I almost thought I knew enough to start looking for that first boat.

The first place I looked, (I won't mention the name of the store) saw me coming. Would it be appropriate to mention the word SUCKER at this point? Before they would even show me a sailboat, I was ushered into an office and offered a seat and a credit application. This I took, saying I'd take it home and fill it out. Later I realized the mistake of telling them I had next to no experience and wanted to buy a new sailboat, so I wouldn't be bothered with immediate repairs or wear and tear. Finally, they got tired of my questions and my unfilled-out application and told me to go look around out back and if I saw anything I liked, to come back in and they would unlock the boat. I wasn't convinced they meant it, so I just wandered around and looked at the outside of the boats.

The next place I tried, Sail and Ski, owned by Rod Malone, (who later, was gracious enough to sponsor us for membership at Austin Yacht Club) we were lucky enough to meet one of their salesman, Scott Myers, a J-22 racer, who has beyond infinite patience. What followed, after two or three months and two or three hundred questions answered correctly and politely, was the purchase of a brand new '94 Hunter 23.5, named what else, but the JULIE ANN. Julie's

grandfather had an interesting comment about our boat's name "The JULIE ANN may get barnacles on her bottom, but she'll still be pretty." Needless to say Julie Ann was not nearly as amused, at this comment, as I was. Julie's only condition on the purchase was that I promise not to race the boat. I am afraid she knows me all too well. "OK, I promise." I was in love. Yes, sucked right in. Although the boat came well equipped, I still "needed" a bimini, sail cover, compass, outboard motor, docklines, bumpers, large down payment, sixty monthly payments, insurance and a dry sail space. I didn't have any trouble hearing the sucking sound now out of my bank account, even though it was all the way across town.

We started our voyage on Lake Travis, out of Yacht Harbor, whose staff was very helpful and accommodating, considering our lack of experience. Little by little, through trial and a multitude of errors, we got comfortable with our new boat. Every weekend we were on the lake. We explored our new world and tried our best to stay out of the way of all the other boats and those treacherous docks that kept trying to run into our bright shiny new boat. We usually anchored out on Saturday nights in some quiet cove and slowly, Julie fell in love with sailing too. She rarely ever squeals anymore when the boat heels over more than thirty degrees. She has learned that the command to tack is not Sarah Lee, but hard alee and that the command to jibe is not "OH SH--, LOOK OUT!!!" but jibe ho. She has not mutinied, even though she has threatened to, during our shouting matches while anchoring. Later she even concurs that we have provided much appreciated (and free) entertainment for all our cove mates. She will usually only spend a short while in the cabin pondering the meaning of male vs. female relationships, before the embarrassment fades and she will appear with food or refreshments (remember she is the organized one who knows where these things are kept) and a smile on her face, to enjoy the sunset.

We met new friends and reread the books and slowly learned to speak the new language. This, is where it finally sank in, that the way a sail moved a boat upwind was by creating a lower pressure forward, therefore not pushing the boat but pulling (dare I say it again, sucking) it along. What a concept!

We met one couple, Gene Gruender and Nellie Sims and their son Zach at a Hunter Owners Association raft-up. A most gracious and delightful couple, we became instant friends. Maybe you have read some of their stories in the sailing magazines. They are finally living the dream. They left this last January for the Caribbean. Envy is a terrible thing, especially when I'm stuck in traffic on a cold rainy day. When we got to know them a little better, they invited us aboard their boat, RAINBOW CHASER, a Hunter 37, which they also kept at Yacht Harbor. Somehow the subject of sailboat racing came up and they asked if we would like

to race "Turnback". Julie looked at me knowing, (maybe one or two of you men out there have seen the same sort of look a time or two) there goes another promise out the window. Gene said it was no big deal. Just sail in the cruising class and stay away from all those crazy racers and you'll be fine. Turnback Canyon Regatta is an old tradition at Austin Yacht Club. It started back in the 50's with just a few boats and now it darn near fills the lake with them. It is a twenty something mile race up the lake on Saturday followed by a bar-b-que. and party with a live band, and you race back to AYC on Sunday. Well, (I know this gets repetitive) I was sucked right in. We had stayed away from the main basin of Lake Travis where the Yacht Club was located in hopes of not bringing into effect one of the basic rules of boating, that opposites attract, i.e. racers and cruisers, (sometimes with disastrous results) until we got a little more competent with our sailing skills. Well I felt confident we were now ready to see more of the lake and we would still be cruising anyway, only farther. Julie, o' woman of infinite patience with me, agreed to try to race.

I guess this would be the time to introduce you to my son Nick. He was twelve at the time of the infamous St. Thomas incident and was somewhere in the mouse-maze of that large cruise ship just happy to be away from the parent types and playing with new-found friends. He didn't take to sailing right off or for that matter at all in the beginning "Do we have to go sailing again this weekend?" He spent most of his time in the cabin reading and would grudgingly help out only if given a direct order. Well, sorry son, all that was about to change. The morning of Turnback, he was bright and chipper on deck and for the four and a half hours it took us to complete the first leg of the race he manned the jib sheets with enthusiasm. When we got the boat anchored, I asked him "Why the sudden interest?" "Well now we have a purpose, Dad. We're not just cruising up and down the lake." Huh! Little did I know what I had done. I had transferred the disease. Lookout Julie your surrounded.

We had light winds on the return leg and even jumped off the boat, to cool off, with all the sails up at one point, but finally finished. We joined the party going on up at the club and enjoyed ourselves with all the new friends we made from the night before. Hey, these racers weren't all that crazy! Waiting for the trophy presentation, I remembered that we had run down our battery from two nights of use and still had a seven mile sail back to our berth at Yacht Harbor. Yikes!!! We had better get going before it gets dark. We said hasty good-byes and left for home. Surprise! Surprise! Julie got a call from Nellie the next morning and was told we had received a trophy for second place in the cruising class. A nice engraved beer pitcher and two engraved mugs. Show and tell time. We were so proud of ourselves. Little did we know that the learning curve was about to take a dramatic turn upwards. Mast abeam, lee bow, slam dunk and the dreaded "PROTEST, DO YOUR TURNS!!!" We had another dialect to add to our new language. I also didn't hear the sucking sound, that is quite audible to

some, that emanates directly from the AYC grounds.

Nick took second place in the TSA junior circuit last year in the Sunfish class, Julie was 1996 AYC's singlehanded women's champion, also on Sunfish, and I am D Fleet captain and on the harbor committee at AYC this year. We have three meetings this week for the club, a work party on Saturday and a series race on Sunday. Oh yes and I'll probably try to get by West Marine sometime this week for those little odds and ends we seem to always need.. But that's another story (I have to get this one published first). We are having the time of our lives and have made so many new friends that I would, without reservation, recommend sailing to anyone. But I would caution you, to remember to be careful, because, (I apologize for having to say it just one more time) **Sailing Sucks.**



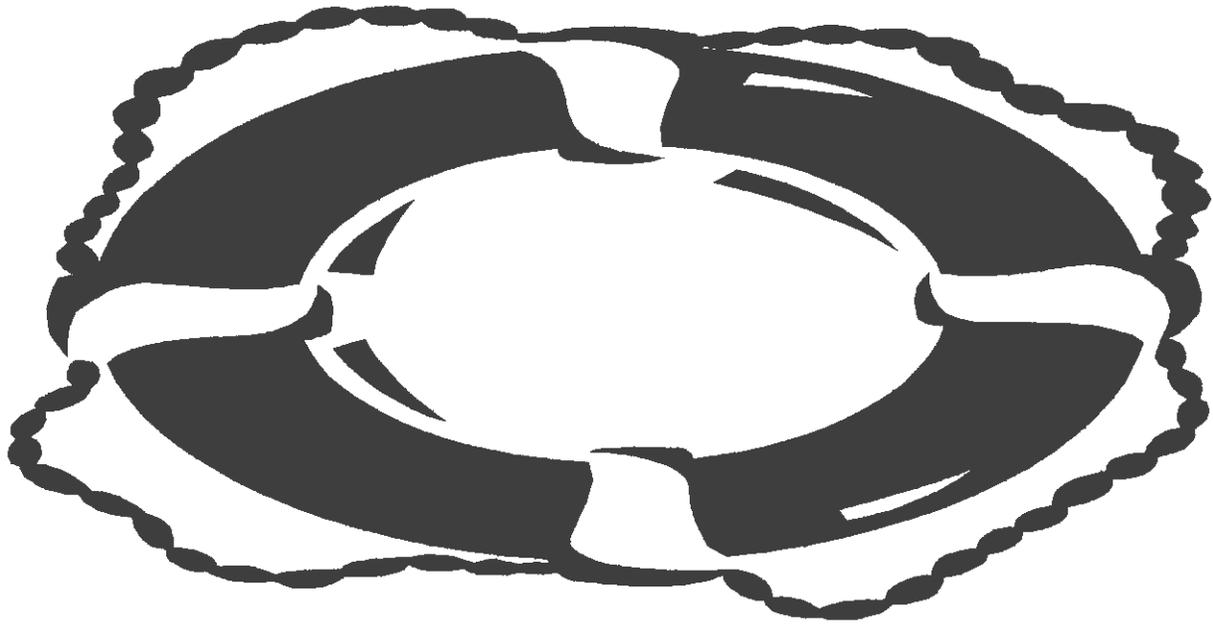
C-Fleet

The sun was beating down with a fury only Central Texans can know, we were laying back enjoying the sites of the sail powered vessels gliding past us so effortlessly. When a voice rang out from behind us, wake up you lazy, low life, pond scum I'm checking in and get this show on the road. It was then we snapped ourselves back to reality, with lightning speed and military like precision became Super Race Committee. Each of us knew our role and the responsibility which came with it, heck we had just figured out what each of us was going to do maybe ten minutes ago, how could we have forgotten already. Well we looked at our watches and said this is close enough for volunteer work and began blowing horns and raising and lowering flags as if we knew what the hell we were doing, after all if we did it wrong there was bound to be someone come and let us know we were screwing up. Other than using the newly written procedures on our order starts, which seemed to confuse only us, all went normally for the polished veterans of Super C-FEET race committee. I'd like to thank all those that showed up, so many so we were able to let some of our eager and willing volunteers go play that gorgeous afternoon. Many thanks again to those that did race committee this time and thanks to those of you, who so enthusiastically are going to do race committee this November 2, yes you know who you are Roy and Ken. Fore as you see folks, by the photo below, hard working race committee members are often graciously rewarded.

C-fleet racing has been fun this year with the inconsistent participation of some of our Hot Dog sailors we all have had a turn at being at the front of the fleet once or twice. Good racing, last Saturday Sept. 6, Doug and the well oiled crew of Que Pasa a true horizon job. We have even seen some new chutes out there, thanks for popping yours Dennis, making c-fleet one of the most colorful sights on the lake. So those of you who have time after time be out there racing your hearts out and loving every minute of it. Keeping coming out cause everyone loves your smiling faces and your warm hardy laughs, so commonly associated with C-Fleet racers. If you haven't been out racing much this year, ya still have time. A couple more evening of Beer can, another full series and a couple of three Keel Fleet events Keel Doublehanded, Wild Turkey and RED EYE so come on out and play. Enjoyed being fleet captain this year thanks for the support and participation.

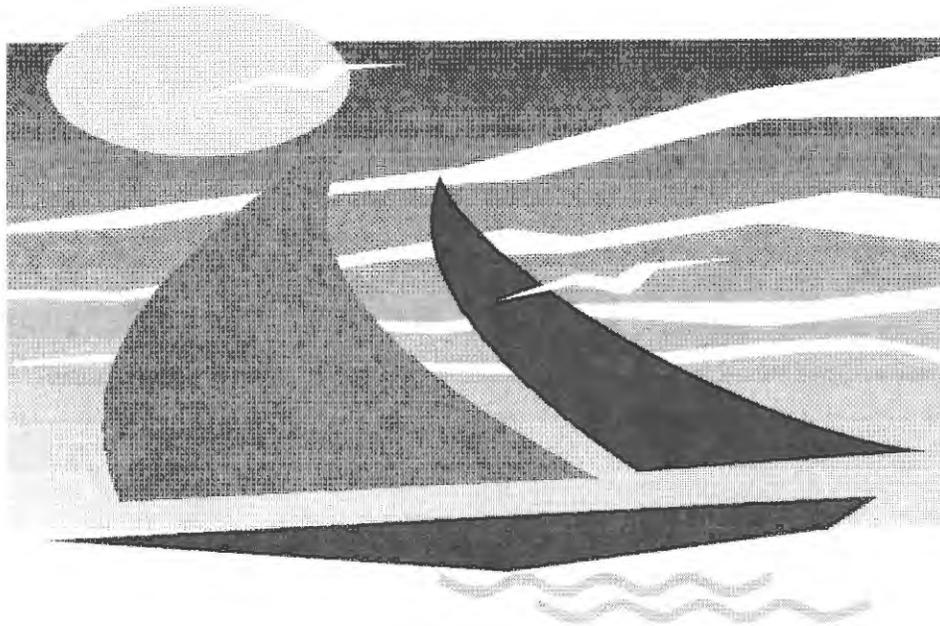
Love Ya all,
Tanqueray Tommy





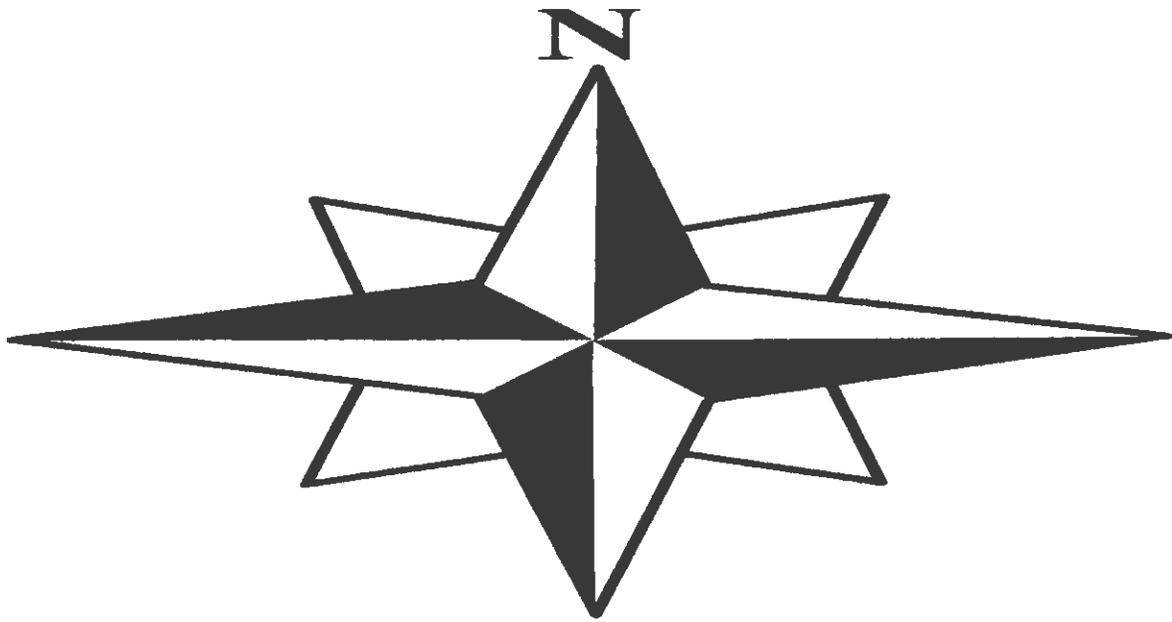
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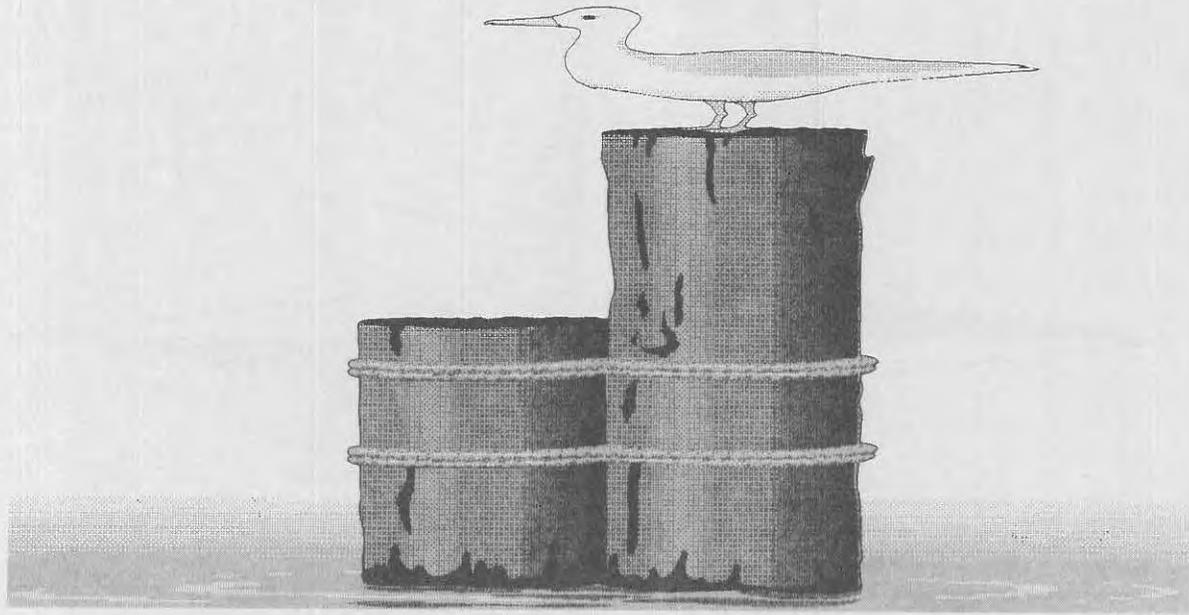
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